The family of Rev. Theodore Jansan and Alema.

Standing in rear left to right as you view.

Martin (died in youth) Dr. Lovisa Jansan Tatnall, Rev. Luther Jansan

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Front Row, left to right

1. Reba Westersund
2. Rev. Jansen
3. Elsie Carlson

Back Row, left to right

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2. Clyde Carlson
3. Estrid Carlson
4.
5. Edith Wentjar

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First Row, left to right 1922

1. Dagny Rudback (Pettit)
2. Ethel Nordquist (Povey)
3. Rev. Jansen
4. Judith Winters
5. Ellen Johnson

Back Row, left to right

1. Anna Johnson
2. Ethel Wicks
3. Elsie Kessler (Birch)

Feb. 23, 1987

Dear Ethel:

After thinking things over, I decided this picture would mean so much more to you and your sister than to me. You have kept in touch with the Jansen family and the Westersunds, while I have not.

I was thinking more about the German Lutherans. Mrs. Hildebrand, my Dad's sister, was born in March ~~1881~~, 1871, and was baptized by a Lutheran minister the following summer.

My father who was born in 1868 was baptized by Rev. Hyland of the Episcopal Church as there was no Lutheran minister in Astoria at that time.

Whether this was a Lutheran minister (in 1871) passing through or a Scandinavian minister, I do not know. I don't. know how the Christians found out about him as they lived 9 miles (via row boat) up the Walluski River. from Astoria.

My grandmother's cousins, the Capt. Frickeys, may have let them know also. William Bach who came on the same ship from Germany via the Panama ~~Ca~~ Isthmus to Astoria with the Christians also ~~ha~~ may have let them know.

I can't think of anything I could tell your present minister that you wouldn't know. You seem to have kept up with the church history better than I.

I have an old Memorial Lutheran Sunday Bulletin with a picture of the church on the front. It is with all my plunder at the house in Trail. If the church does not have one and if they would like it for church artifact collection, I'll find it or send it to you after we get home, in April. Please let me know if they would like it.

Best regards,

As ever,
/~~S~~/ ALTA C. WEIR.

April 15, 1987

DEar Ethel,

I found the picture of the English Memorial Lutheran Church.
I also have the picture of our 1928 confirma ation class. I believe we were the last confirmation class from Memorial before joining with the Swedish Church to become Trinoty.

Margaret Foster was in the class also so you may already have this picture.

Rev. Andrew Engeset came from out-of-town to give us instruction and to confirm us.

If you wish my picture, please let me know.

/2/ ALTA WEIR

Notes from our talk together:

Alta's father, John F. Christians, was born in Astoria in 1868, soon after the Christians family arrived from Germany. He was baptized ~~by~~ in the Episcopal Church as there were no Lutheran churches in the area. Also Episcopal was closer to Lutheran than others.

The Germans gathered for services (Lutheran) in the Congregational Church on Sunday afternoons. It was a German Lutheran congregation. A minister by the name of Rev. Schmidt was involved, but when he came or wherefrom, Alta didn't know. Most likely a travelling mimister.

Alema Nyland (later Mrs. Theo. Jansen) started the Memorial Lutheran Church because there were so many English speaking people who desired to have their own. The Norwegians and Swedes were in Uppertown, but there these Germans and the Americans ~~who~~ started the organization, located on Grand between 12th and 14th Sts.

Since we lived in the house adjoining the church, we joined Memorial and worshipped there until Trinity was organized.
Alema Nyland later married Rev. Jansen. Only

grandchild of the Matt Nylands living in Astoria now and a member of Peace is Carlotta Strandberg.

Ethel